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Withdrawal of Jet Aircraft:

1. It is confirmed that all MIG-15 aircraft, jet fuel and supplementary equipment were withdrawn from the HVL early in July. Although the withdrawal of Soviet equipment coincided with the action taken following the demonstrations of 17 June, it is not now believed that there was a direct connection between the two events. Senior officers of the HVL are of the opinion that the withdrawal of equipment was part of "peace maneuvers," and was a purely tactical move without any change in strategic aim. These quarters do not believe that the Soviets trust their local support either more or less as a result of the June strikes, nor do they see as yet any clear evidence of Soviet intentions to pull out of Germany altogether.
2. In support of their views about the future of the HVL, they point out the following facts:
  - a. The HVL retains possession of its YAK-11's and YAK-18's.
  - b. Air-to-ground target practice is to start at the Peitz-Lieberose range near Cottbus.
  - c. Although further recruitment has been stopped, nothing is known of any large-scale discharges.

Order of Battle:

3. The following is the present order of battle of the HVL, listed under localities as of 15 August:
  - a. Cottbus: The present establishment of YAK-11's and YAK-18's is stationed here. So are the following:
    - (1) 1st Air Fighter Division Headquarters Staff.

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(2) 1st Air Regiment.

(3) 1st Aviation Technical Battalion.

b. Drewitz:

(1) 2nd Air Regiment.

(2) 2nd Aviation Technical Battalion.

c. Bautzen:

(1) 3rd Air Regiment.

(2) 3rd Aviation Technical Battalion.

d. Kamenz:

A school for training ground crews of all kinds is based here. The projects for a special flying instructors' training school and for separate radar operations and aircraft mechanics' schools have been dropped. Total personnel strength of the one remaining school at Kamenz will be 1200 to 1500.

e. Augustusbad:

Staff of the 1st Aviation Technical Division.

f. Pirna:

Short courses for officers are run here. One of these is known to be a short course for new officers, giving them the rudiments of conduct for an "officer and a comrade." A second course is a short introduction for technical officers to Soviet equipment. It is not known whether other courses are also run here.

g. Goerlitz:

Staff of the Intendantur of the Equipment Stores and the Technical Equipment Stores, which are subordinate to Augustusbad. Strength is 3 or 4 officers and 20 enlisted men.

h. Gorgast:

The HVL ammunition stores are to have a strength of four or five officers and 40 to 45 airmen. It was to have opened up on 31 August, but this has been deferred to a date between 7 and 12 September. Only ammunition, and no weapons, will be kept here.

i. Peitz-Lieberose (near Cottbus):

The range staff is to consist of a non-commissioned officer and ten men. If an officer is sent, he will be a junior lieutenant.

Note: Where personnel strength has not been given, it is not known. HVL units are based only in the localities listed above.

Plans for Air-to-Ground Target Practice Near Cottbus:

4. The only flying activity contemplated in the force at present is to take place at Cottbus. Pilots flying the YAK-11's were to have begun air-to-ground target practice towards the end of August, but confirmation is lacking that this has in fact started. It is known that the Department for Weapons and Equipment in the Rear Services Organization had been instructed to prepare various targets and other equipment for firing practice at the Peitz-Lieberose range, to be ready on 15 August.

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5. The range equipment concerned included the following:
- a. Two red and two blue linen targets on frames, approximately six meters long and two meters wide.
  - b. (1) A "stopclock," of approximately 30 centimeters in diameter, with a large second hand and a smaller minute hand.  
(2) An angle-of-dive indicator.
  - c. Paint and chalk powders, flares and other target marking and signaling equipment.
6. The stopclock and the angle-of-dive indicator were later to be combined into one instrument. The angle-of-dive indicator was to follow the straight flight of an attacking aircraft up to the point at which it dived to attack, and was then to measure the angle of attack. The stopclock was to be started at the point at which the aircraft entered the dive and to be stopped at the moment the aircraft guns opened up.

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Rear Services:

8. It is confirmed that the department responsible for Weapons and Equipment is a Department (Abteilung), not a Main Department (Hauptabteilung). There is a clash at present between the Chief of Staff, who wants to have the Department directly subordinate to him, and the Chief of Rear Services, Colonel Alter, who wishes to retain it on his establishment.
9. Immediately subordinate to the head of Rear Services are:
- a. Major Rothe, representative of the PK, who used to be in the Hauptabteilung for Political Work headed by Colonel Franke. He is regarded as the senior deputy to the head of Rear Services.

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- b. Major Meister, Public Safety Officer attached to the Head of Rear Services and regarded as second deputy. He used to be commanding officer of the KVP at Baerenstein, Oberwiesenthal.
- c. Major Dabekow, third deputy in charge of Operations and Organization, which are run as two separate sub-sections.

Medical Services:

- 10. The new senior medical officer is Lieutenant-Colonel Seifert, who has the status of a head of an Abteilung.

Ammunition Supply of the Armed Services of the DDR:

- 11. The Minister of the Interior is directly responsible for ammunition supplies for the KVP, the HVS and the HVL. Immediately subordinate to him is General Wulz, KVP, whose title is Chief of the Administration for B-Supplies, i.e. ammunition. He has his headquarters at Berlin-Adlershof. Under him is his Chief of Staff and deputy, Lieutenant-Colonel Bartsch, KVP. The next in line are:
  - a. Main Department (Hauptabteilung) for Armament (Waffen) under Major Boerner, assisted by Lieutenant Uhlig.
  - b. Main Department (Hauptabteilung) for Ammunition under Major Wirt, assisted by Lieutenant Arndt, and
  - c. Department (Abteilung) for Regulations (Vorschriften) under Captain Fritsche, who is assisted by Lieutenant Lange.
- 12. None of the three branches of service has the right to demand ammunition; each has to accept an allocation determined by the Minister of the Interior. This is based on an authorized allocation of two operational issues, or Kampfsatz, per man. Half of each operational issue, i.e. one quarter of the available supply of ammunition, has to be kept in a special store for a declared emergency. The emergency supply may under no circumstances be used for training or other normal purposes. Neither the head of the HVL nor his deputy like this arrangement.

Soviet Liaison Officer with Chief of Ammunition Supplies:

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- 13. A Soviet general who has frequently been observed visiting General Wulz is assumed to be the Soviet liaison officer. His name is not known at present.

Rechlin-Laerz:

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- 14. Between 38 and 45 MIG-15's fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks were observed at Rechlin between 16 and 31 August. They took part in extensive night-flying operations every night.

Rumored Troop Movements:

- 15. It is generally rumored that KVP troops now in the Treskowallee in Berlin are to take up winter quarters in the buildings at Johannisthal vacated by the HVL.

Volkspolizei Rest Center Activity:

- 16. The uniformed theatrical troupe known as the Erich Weinert Ensemble, previously based at Schloss Boitzenburg, has now taken up quarters at Berlin-Adlershof. Schloss Boitzenburg is a Volkspolizei rest center.

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